**World History: Middle Ages Extension: Writing an Article Review!**

Another way in which historians contribute to the academic community is by writing reviews of books and articles. As students of history, it is important to read additional materials about subjects being discussed in class. New information will not only increase your knowledge, but will provide you with an opportunity to gain a more in-depth insight of the topic than cannot be discussed in a traditional classroom setting. Reviewing what you read is also an effective way to retain knowledge while improving your writing skills.

**Assignment:**

You are to read an historic article regarding the Middle Ages. This will most likely be a secondary source. After reading the article, you are to write a brief (1 Page) review, which includes the following:

* A hook to engage the reader that ties into an introductory paragraph
* An introduction of the author, article, source
* A body that reviews what the article was about, including the author’s thesis
* A conclusion that reviews/critiques the article
  + Did author achieve his goal (prove his thesis)
  + Positives/negatives?
  + Possible improvements?
  + Avoid using “I” and “ME”!!!

The review must be typed, double-spaced using size 12 “Times” font and 1” margins. Citation of the article must also be included using the Chicago (Turabian) Manual of Style.

**Some Help:**

The Internet has a lot to offer those who have simple questions or are beginning research projects. The amount information is amazing, ranging from simple facts to whole dissertations, primary documents, images, and organizations. However, the Internet should be considered an initial research tool, to gain direction. For serious research, one should rely on non-electronic materials for research citations. It is sometimes difficult to determine the validity of the information that is posted on the Internet. For this project, however, an article found online will be okay. Some of the sites below may help you, but feel free to use others as long as they are credible!

**[Internet Medieval Sourcebook](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html" \t "_blank)**   
Full and partial-text documents related to a variety of ancient and medieval historical topics   
*(http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html)*

**[The IPL's Online Serials Collection — History](http://www.ipl.org/IPLBrowse/GetSubject?vid=13&cid=4&tid=6945&parent=6925)**  
IPL offers access to a wide variety of online historical periodicals, including "The Medieval Review".  
*(http://www.ipl.org/IPLBrowse/GetSubject?vid=13&cid=4&tid=6945&parent=6925)*

**[Historical Text Archives (European History)](http://historicaltextarchive.com/" \t "_blank)**  
A very interesting site offering full-text documents related to European History.  
*(http://historicaltextarchive.com/)*

**“How to Write an Article Review”**

(http://www.history.vt.edu/undergraduate/article\_review.htm)

(http://www.wm.edu/as/history/undergraduateprogram/historywritingresourcecenter/handouts/reviewguidelines/index.php)